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Greeley and Bryan.

This is from Lincoln: "The Bryan campaign committee has injected the postal card into the contest Bryan dressed as a tiller of the soil, with big cowhide boots and hickory shirt.

surrounded by books. "The poultry fanciers will be reminded that Mr. Bryan is their friend by a card showing Bryan and his son studying poularistocrat there is a smooth, sleek Mr. Bryan wearing a high silk hat seated in an automobile, with a cloud of smoke and dust trailing behind. For the religious address, 'The Prince of Peace.'

Shade of "Petroleum V. Nasby!" Here is one of his old quizzes reduced to fact. Mr. Greeley was a fancy farmer in a good deal of time with his books.

in the campaign of 1872, and put his pen them, and it is now to be hoped that the ten cent pieces. These are being kept as at the service of his party. He made a newly constituted supervisors of local souvenirs, and their owners are awaiting specialty of Mr. Greeley's oddities of street rallways will find a method of redress and manner, and played also upon lieving the public from this burdensome

was that in which he described a day board them with the greatest difficulty. developed intellect to keep pace with such with Mr. Greeley at the latter's home in It is to be believed that physical injury outbursts of brilliancy. It is difficult to the thick of the campaign. Many dele- is inflicted on them in some cases. On imagine the state of the Newport mind gations arrived, and all were most cor- some of the open cars the running board if Birdle had gone so far in his merrydially received by the candidate. Scouts is two feet from the ground, which, as making as to distribute brand new pennies were out to give notice of the approach one of the commission's correspondents as favors instead of nickels and dimes. of visitors When a rural delegation came in sight Mr. Greeley was hustled chair. into his farmer's togs, his ax put into timber. There the delegation found him, tating the raising of the car body a long and there listened to his words of wisdom such rolling stock the defect is remediable

and encouragement. and the callers were announced. And so placed and surrounded, the writer and student talked politics to politicians, business to bankers and merchants, and philosophy to the higher brows.

The conceit tickled the country greatly, and the letter circulated in the million copies. It "hit off" the pose of the democratic candidate as the universal man to the delight of the opposition, and placed "Nasby" among the most effective of the republican campaigners.

Is the Bryan committee certain that it is not throwing a boomerang? Instead of securing votes, is it not likely to turn the laugh on its candidate?

Thaw's Trial Costs.

The figures filed in the Thaw bankruptcy proceedings at Pittsburg will be studied with the greatest interest by the public as throwing light upon the cost of saving a life menaced by the gallows. It is often said following such a tragedy as the killing of Stanford White by Harry Thaw that a poor manslayer has no such chance to escape the ultimate penalty as the rich one. Probably since the Thaw-White killing that assertion has been made in this country by hundreds of thousands of people in all sincerity and with full belief. The same was said in the case of Albert T. Patrick, who was convicted of killing an aged man for his money, and who fought his case with consummate legal ability, with the result of several times postponing his execution and finally securing a commutation of sentence. There have been numerous other instances in which ample means have enabled defendants to prosecute appeals and prolong their cases far beyond the possibilities open to others.

It appears from the schedule filed that it cost \$453,140 to conduct the two defenses of Harry K. Thaw, which resulted finally in his acquittal of the murder charge and his incarceration in the state asylum for the criminally insane. Such a stupendous total is calculated to deepen the impression upon the public mind that the rich man has a better show than the poor man in the eye of the law. This is the very point to which Judge Taft has been addressing himself lately in speeches in Virginia. He was speaking directly of civil litigation, but the fact remains true of criminal procedure as well that the right of appeal is more freely available to the man of means than to the poor man.

In Thaw's case there was no appeal. One jury disagreed and the court itself ordered a second trial. The enormous costs in that instance were occasioned by the employment of numerous attorneys, the hire of experts and the scouring of two continents for witnesses. Undoubtedly Thaw could have gained his quasi freedom as surely by less extravagant metheds. There was foolish wasting of funds, especially during the first trial. Had the defense of Thaw been properly managed as a business enterprise the expense could have probably been cut down to one-quarter of the total now exhibited before the Pennsylvania's time and all the Pennsyl-Pittsburg court.

Piles are being denounced by scientists But the mosquito has survived years of tirat sort of thing.

Law Breaking in New Jersey.

It is the very essence of what is called personal liberty. Saloons are kept open in consultation the public procecutor, the raised would not secure the state for Mr. mayor, the judge of the court and mem- Bryan. the law, because Atlantic City did not They are democratic without the need

violations of the statute, because no grand | leader of the only party that counts in jury would bring in a bill charging that the equation down there. So that such offense. The sheriff insisted that he would money as those states can be induced to see that the grand jury was always composed of men representative of the local sentiment in favor of law violation. The Will it be? THEODORE W. NOYES.....Editor judge admitted that possibly he might secure indictments, but that this would mark the close of his usefulness, and he doubted whether a petit jury would convict. The mayor acknowledged that he had never read the statute in question, and said that, whatever it was, the people did not want it enforced. The local political boss ridiculed the excise commission's visit as a bid for votes on the part of the governor of the state.

Thus the case stands, with Atlantic City declaring its indifference to the written law. The question arises whether the people of other parts of New Jersey are willing that there should be one place in the commonwealth where statutes can be ignored by common consent without the formality of repeal. Of course, the statute in question is a state enactment and not the product of a local option system. Thus Atlantic City is not only defying the law. but setting up in the absence of authority an excise sovereignty of its own. The Bryan's election is all but impossible. and the mails are being flooded with spectacle is at best unwholesome, regard- Chairman Mack has much to consider. cards showing a different Bryan to suit less of whether it is right or wrong to the humor of sender or receiver. For sell liquor on Sunday. Far better would the farmer there are cards showing Mr. it be for the state legislature to pass a law specifically exempting Atlantic City For the studious there is a card showing from the operations of sumptuary statutes Bryan seated in his sumptuous library of all sorts than to permit this resort to system of the state. For, as the case stands. Atlantic City is constantly demontry culture at Fairview. Then for the strating to hundreds of thousands of visitors a contempt for law which cannot fall to have a demoralizing effect upon them. The issue of the law's significance there is a Bryan delivering his famous and prestige is far more important than that of the sale of liquor on Sunday.

High Car Steps.

Numerous complaints are being filed small way, and liked to wield an ax on with the interstate commerce commishis surplus timber. He figured in tree- sion's local rapid transit board regardchopping stories along with Mr. Glad- ing the high steps with which the street rest forever: stone, who enjoyed the same exercise. cars of Washington are equapped. The And as a writer and student, Mr. Greeley, Star has frequently in the past called atof course loved his "den," and spent a tention to this nuisance in the hope that the companies themselves would see their "Nasby," whose vogue as a wag was way clear to remedying the defect in the condition. On a great majority of the to aspire to the highest social honors. It One of the best of the "Nasby" letters cars the steps are so high that women must be a tremendous strain upon the un-

In most cases the high steps are caushis hands, and the way shown to the ed by the use of heavy motors, necessichopping and sweating like a good fellow, distance from the tracks. In the case of only by the adoption of a special plat-When city folk hove in view, Mr. Gree- form. There is no good reason why the ley was hustled back to the house and entire platform should not be dropped into his writing togs, and was scribbling several inches below the floor of the car. away for dear life, with books piled high This would make of it a separate step. on his table, when the "den" door opened If then there could be two steps to the ground, ingress and egress would be easy for all. Cutting into the platfrom for a second step would lessen the standing room space there. This brings up the question of whether the companies should be permitted to handicap the public for the accommodation of platform standers. By adopting the double platfrom car, with a railing separating the avenues of entrance and exit from the standing space,

this difficulty might be avoided. Whether the solution lies in the adoption of specially constructed cars or the remodeling of the platforms of those already in use, certainly the public has a right to expect the commission to require the corporations to render its rolling stock fit for use without imposing a heavy handicap upon the passenger. It is merely necessary for the commission to adopt a maximum height of step from the ground and from tread to tread in order to accomplish the desired object.

Watterson.

New York is not represented on the board of Mr. Watterson's press advisers. No editors of any consequence in the Empire state for Mr. Bryan? This is a slight change since 1900. Then Mr. Hearst gave his support. Now even he turns his back. And of the three named in Massachusetts one proves to be dead. But the number of advisers is not important. Does Mr. Watterson need any? Is he not a whole board in himself? He lacks neither zeal nor ability. He knows the whole anti-Bryan argument, having in the past supplied a large portion of it; and what he has helped put together he ought to be able, single-handed, to take apart.

In connection with the prospects of Gov. Hughes for re-election, New York's "conscience vote" is being discussed. A number of practical politicians will be tempted to exclaim with the man who saw a dromedary for the first time. "There ain't no such thing!"

Mr. Hearst's frank declaration that the independence party may require years to develop great importance puts Mr. Hisgen more or less in the attitude of what is known to negro minstrelsy as a "chair-

If the prohibition ticket could win over all the people who are willing to vote for prohibition as a purely local issue, it rifle." would be a formidable factor in the situ-

No formal assurances have been made that Mr. Taft will undertake to keep up the White House prestige for equestrianism and tennis.

Pennsylvania and the South.

This news comes from Pittsburg: "It is learned tonight that the Bryan forces have decided to leave Pennsylvania with its republican majority of five hundred thousand alone this fall and devote vania money obtainable to stumping for the democratic cause in New York, Delaware and West Virginia.

as menaces to health, as well as comfort. sylvania have been approached by repre-Prominent democrats in Western Pennsentatives of James Kerr, national committeeman, and told that Mr. Bryan did not think it worth while to throw money into a hopeless fight in Pennsylvania, but that any money the Pennsylvania demo-Atlantic City, N. J., is one of the crats might care to contribute toward "widest open" towns in the United States. New York. West Virginia and Delaware

would be thankfully received." Why waste money on Pennsylvania? then giving themselves rebates on adat all hours and on all days with an in- There is nothing in the state for Mr. difference to law which is somewhat baf- Bryan. If he and Col. Guffy had never fling to many visitors. Yet Atlantic City clashed; if Col. Guffey and Mr. Kerr were has an excise law which prohibits the sale | cronies, the situation in the state so far of liquor in certain conditions, and at as the national campaign is concerned certain times. A sentiment for the en- would be but little different from what it forcement of this statute has recently is. Now and then Pennsylvania revolts been expressed in other parts of the state against local republican rule. Quayism of New Jersey, but it is significant that has at times tried her sorely. But nathere has been no such demand from the tional rule spells tariff to Pennsylvania. great summer resort itself. The other and a protective tariff is her meat and day the state excise commission met at drink. Taft and the tariff plank of his Atlantic City to consider the subject of platform will sweep the Keystone comliquor selling there on Sunday. It called monwealth. All the money that could be

bers of the councils, with the result that | Turning then to the south, we find other the commissioners were told that it was states where no democratic money will absolutely useless to think of enforcing be used. But for the opposite reason.

want it enforced, and would not stand for its enforcement.

The public prosecutor declared that he of a dollar. Their votes are as good as counted now. Election day will come, and voters will record themselves, and all would make no move to prosecute for will be safe for Mr. Bryan. He is the contribute to the party fund could be sent for service in the debatable territory.

New York, Delaware and West Virginia, the states which the Pennsylvania democrats are asked to bear in mind, are now under republican control. Can they be wrested from that party? There are republican divisions in New York and West Virginia, and in the latter state two republican gubernatorial tickets are in the field. The Bryanites hold that both states are doubtful. If they are, their demo-West Virginia? Should Tammany, with

pass it for help for New York? It remains to be seen how effective these money for use at a distance on an unpromising proposition is difficult; and many of the leading newspapers of the south have assured their readers that Mr.

Simply Killing!

Newport society is the most perfectly humanity is vapid and dull to the point of utter inanity compared with the denizens but a feeble taper's glow compared with the scintillation from the dullest Newport mind. Everybody well remembers the excruciatingly humorous monkey dinner of several seasons ago, which should have this country half a century ago regarding put at rest forever all doubts regarding the high quality of the ultra social brain. | Mount If, however, any question touching on and appertaining to this point, as Mr. Devery would say, should remain, a dispatch just received from Newport suffices to set it at

"Birdie Goelet is always ready for a joke. Certainly he perpetrated one last Saturday evening, when his mother, Mrs. Robert Goelet, gave a dance for him. The favors were beautiful, but in the Uncle Sam figure Birdle awarded the prizes per great at the time, supported Gen. Grant equipment. Nothing has been done by sonally, and gave out brand new five and

> Persons of weak brains are warned not next surprise, and if he does, there will be no possible doubt of his right to rank as the prince of American humorists.

Campaign contributors are expected to bestow their money with the same generous freedom with which the less affluif the funds are in proportion to the his property." cheering at Chicago and Denver it will be a record presidential year.

Declarations that Castro should spanked may serve to remind Venezuela Evil of the fable about the rats who decided that the cat should be made to wear a

Vegetarians now claim Chauncey M. Depew as a disciple. Mr. Depew, however, being much more of the same kind: in accepting specimens, does all in his power to avoid recognizing the lemon.

"How to Be Happy Without Hazing" might be a good title for a book to be included in the courses of study for military and naval schools. Reports that Japan is turning its at-

tention to agriculture are likely to be regarded by Mr. Hobson as mere strategy to divert attention. No man can object to being genially ad-

dressed for a while as "Bill" when there is a prospect of exchanging the title for "Mr. President."

Mr. Bryan avoids saying anything that might encourage the publishers of "Coin's Financial School" to entertain hopes of another edition.

Turkish assassins evidently do not intend to let any discussion of a constitution interfere with their customary ac-

Mr. Gompers does not assume to give month's work. any peremptory instructions, but his hints are very strong.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Conspiracy Suspected.

"They do say that dyspepsia sharpens men's wits." said the old-time friend. "I wonder," remarked Mr. Cumrox. hope of improvin' my conversation."

An Effort to Enlighten. "Father," said Little Rollo, "how do you

nunt elephants?" "With a rifle and a camera and unabridged dictionary; though to tell the truth, son, I'm not so sure about the

. All Aboard!

"Step lively, please!"

Soon will we see the airship fly With graceful ease, And hear the aviator cry.

The Difference. "After all," said the man who doubts, will there be much advantage in travel by airship over travel by automobile?" "No." answered Mr. Sirius Barker, "the only difference I can see is that you will

horizontally."

take your bumps vertically instead of

A Counter Charge. "I suppose I might report it to the interstate commerce commission," said the railway man, indignantly, "but it wouldn't do any good. They'd say they have no

jurisdiction." "What are you complaining of?" "This practice of presidential candidates of acquiring interests in newspapers and From the Providence Journal. vertising space."

The Grand Climax.

Talk about yoh June time Wif de roses bloomin' sweet! Talk about July dat bring De fire works an' de heat! Yoh Augus' an' September. 'An' yoh mild October, too-Jes' gimme ol' November When dem canerdates is due!

Never min' de apples: Never min' de pears; Jes' watch dem ripenin' promises Dat drives away yoh cares. Midst de bloomin' an' de reapin' An' de fillin' up de bin, Keep yoh eye on ol' November, When de vote is gathered in!

YEARS AGO IN THE STAR

The workhouse of the District fifty years ago was not a substantial establishment and an escape from it was by no

means unusual. The community, however, sat up and took notice when thirteen prisoners took French leave at one time, as told about in the following paragraph from The Star of August 2, 1858:

"The running away of one or two

prisoners from the workhouse is no uncratic leaders are rich, and should be able common occurrence and never creates to care for the local situation. Should surprise, inasmuch as there are few Henry G. Davis pass the hat for help for guards over the prisoners who are at work in a local field, which offers good its enormously profitable city contracts, chances to escape. But the escape of thirteen prisoners at night from the workhouse might without explanation lead to appeals for outside help will be. Raising the suspicion of neglect of duty. At the time of their escape there were eighty- views were frequently expressed showing four prisoners in the workhouse, and a the existence of an utterly false undesperate gang they were. The Balti- derstanding of the position of this dismore rowdies were well represented and trict in our empire and the duties incumtwo desperadoes of the suburban gangs bent upon the population of Finland by of this city were there. The prisons con- virtue of this relationship. Finally in a sist of wooden sheds, temporarily con- decision of the last diet adopted March 14 structed for use until the new building an extremely bitter criticism of the measis completed; and these being insufficient, ures undertaken by our soverign will the hen coop was brought into requisition. was permitted. Dissolving that diet, we A proposition reje ed by one of the two The intendant's house, as well as the witty proposition in the world. Ordinary gardener's and other aids, are all distant from the shed; so there was no prob- of God upon your labors and we firmly council may annul the election of any of ability of arousing them by the noise made in attempting to escape. The ma- realization of the solidarity of the incontinue in flagrant deflance of the legal of that select and exclusive neck of woods. terial of which the buildings are con-The most brilliant mental efforescence structed could be forced without even Russia. We declare the diet opened. from the unelect of the common world is arousing the prisoners in adjoining rooms; so no blame can be attached to in his address opposes the assumption of any of the attendants.'

There was much speculation throughout

an editorial on this subject as follows: culating a surmise that Mr. John A. 83; suedomanes, 25; agrarians, 9; Chris-Mount Vernon in fee to the Ladies' Asfor it is as per contract), to remove from thence the remains of the Father of the Country. The idea of such a 'Yankee trick' is worthy of its paternity. Those who know John A. Washington, Esquire, are of course well aware that it is not his, but theirs. When he takes advantage of any flaw in the contract of sale which would legally entitle him to romove the remains from Mount Vernon, after having sold the place for a public purpose, those who do not know him personally may rest assured that there will not be a single honest man left in all the nation

Mount Vernon, which brings him no income to speak of and yet subjects himupright, diffident and sensitive man as he s-to more violent, systematic abuse and vilification from the sensation press than was ever before bestowed on a private gentleman. The public seem to feel that they have a right, not only to the free ent auditor bestows his applause. And use, but also the uncontrolled abuse, of

> Half a century ago Justice Cull was the chief local terror of evil doers, and according to a month's record marized in The Star of August 4, 1858, he was given

plenty of work by the careless citizens of the capital. The Star's resume of his Sweden and Norway under Marguerite de July work reads in part as follows, there Yaldemar in 1397. Finland was faithful to "Rosella Davis, for disorderly conduct in the streets, was fined \$1.58. Jeremiah Murphy was found by the officers oppressed with too much whisky and fined \$2.58. Thomas Taylor was caught violating the ordinance respecting the discharge of fireworks in the street and fined \$1.58. George Wood, for being inebriated and 'hollering' about the streets, was fined

\$5.58. Wm. Tracy, caught with bricks in his hat, was fined \$5.94. Mrs. Mitchell partook of the juice of the corn and behaved badly; she was fined \$3.94, and in default of the tin went over to stop with Queen thirty days. Richard Daugherty sold strong liquors in utter contempt of the statute made and provided, and was let off by forking over \$21.15. Wm. De Neal got disorderly and behaved badly and was fined \$1.94 for it. John Hurley Browning came out of a whisky mill walk-Slatterly, for ungentlemanly deportment, was fined \$1.94. George Roberts sailed in the same ship with Slatterly, and was also fined \$1.94. Mrs. Moriarity put something strong in her evening beverage which caused that good lady to forget her station; she went in for a sixty days' visit to friend Queen. Total amount of fines for the month, \$199.90. A pretty good Duma

Although the secession movement was less than three years away, it was difficult for those who believed in Southern the Union to realize the imminence of the great issue confronting the coun-

try. In The Star of August 5, 1858, is a

paragraph on this subject: "Mr. Wm. L. Yancey, in a late speech upon his proposed Southern League, deslowly, "whether mother and the girls got livered in Montgomery, Ala., indignantly that new French kitchen gang in the denies that it aims at the eventual confir- servient to the wishes of the president of mation of a dissolution of the United States, claiming for it at the same time demand of the minister for the railroad the purpose of the mere conservation of the constitutional rights of the south in 600 rubles; the 11,000,000 for ironclads the Union. Were this so, Mr. Yancey was promptly refused. On the other hand would soon number among his brother 16,000,000 were added by parliamentary leaders three-fourths of all the voters of the slave-holding states; whereas it is famine-stricken provinces. In this way utterly impossible that the league should the deficit was reduced by forty odd milever come to number one in a hundred of lions. The total deficit, by reason of them, notwithstanding the denouement of divers augmentations, was finally fixed Mr. Y's protestations that it is but a sort at 200,000,000, for which the duma authorof political 'Bible society'-a union of ized the minister of finances to cover by men of all political churches to secure a third interior loan. the election of southern rights' men without nominating candidates as a party. on the 7th of May declared from the tri-We fancy, if the truth must be told, that bune of the duma that "he thanked God the southern public will be quite as that Russia had no parliament." For a loath to put faith in a political Bible fact public opinion has come to consider, society, whose counsels are guided by and in this public opinion the bureaucrats by their parents. In this country reputed such politicians as Mr. Yancey and the may be included, that Russia not only despotic children are given liberties no-New Orleans Delta, as the northern pub-has a parliament, but that parliament has where else accorded. Little men raised as lie to put faith in the religious Bible come to stay definitely. M. Kokovtzof savages. And many parents apply the society in the hands of Garrison, Fred Douglass, Abby Kelley and the rest of vinced. In one of the recent sittings of outcome of the teachings of Tolsto! the peculiar folks."

HARRIMAN.

From the Baltimore Sun. An expert mindreader could make a fortune in Wall street just now by telling just what Mr. Harriman thinks. From the Buffalo Evening News.

Many who sneer at Mr. Harriman's statement that he is busy for the gen- discussing public questions, a phonograph eral good are unable to show a fraction doesn't cost so much for special frains of his admittedly good work done by and dollar dinners. themselves.

Mr. Harriman comes more nearly to illustrating the fruition of the common boyish ambition to own "all the chuchu cars" than any other man at present in the railroad line.

From the Milwaukee Journal. Harriman's son strayed from his papa's special train in Omaha and was found away out in the railroad yards inspecting block signals. That old adage about three generations from shirt sleeves to shirt sleeves doesn't look probable with this billionaire. From the Chicago News.

Mr. Harriman shook hands cordially

with Alice Longworth, but he did not

hand her a neat package containing his telligence than it is at present. regards with instructions to deliver it to her father. From the Providence Evening Tribune. It would be easier, surely, to believe of Oregon for a rest if he hadn't taken

his telephone with him.

FINNISH DIET AND RUSSIAN DUMA. VARIOUS VERSES

A dispatch from Helsingfors on the 6th | sign of reconciliation between the autoinstant announced the opening of the Finnish diet by the Emperor Nicholas II, who is also Grand Duke of Finland.

The tension between Finsince the bloody repression by Gov. Gen. Broeckman in 1905. This tension is further increased by the tendency to concentration on the part of Russia, a situation which lends special gravity to the science, speech, assembly and association. future relations between Finland and and establishing as an unalterable rule

unusual significance for the members of real participation in the control of such the new Finnish diet, which assembled acts as are approved by the emperor. The on the 5th instant, who are sharply reminded of the nature of the obligation of

"In the debates of the preceding diet commanded new elections and convoked legislative institutions cannot be submitthe present diet. We invoke the blessing ted to the czar. Both the duma and the hope that they will be inspired by a their members. Ministers are eligible for terests of this district with those of all M. Svinhufvud, president of the diet.

ministers. Some idea of the composition of the diet the future disposition of the may be obtained from the following offiremains of George Washing- cial returns of the recent elections: The total number of votes cast, 606,229. ton, when the estate at Of these 157,001 were cast by the old Mount Vernon should be Finn party; 82,760, by the young Finns; transferred to the association of patriotic 229,866, by the socialists; 80,049, women. In The Star of August 3, 1858, is suedomanes; the rest may be distributed among the agrarian groups and Christian socialists. The diet is composed thus: "The northern press are busy in cir- Old Finns, 54; young Finns, 25; socialists, Washington designs, ere conveying tian socialists, 2. The only difference, then, in the diet of 1908 is in the number sociation (when the latter shall have paid of voters-872,433 electors participated in the elections of 1907, and 606.229 only in

those of 1908. Thus in less than a year

the abstentions have gone down to more

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than a quarter of the whole.

Formerly the senate and the diet communicated directly with the emperor in his quality as the Grand Finland's Duke of Finland, through the subsecretary of state Relations. for Finland. This was the situation when the third Russian "If ever a gentleman was cursed with duma and the Finland diet opened their finances, by virtue of special rules, inout, is as high as the average Possibly he is reserving that stroke as his good fortune that man was this same sessions simultaneously in 1907. On the the empire in the budget, namely, 20,situation in Finland was made in the duma. By reason of the Easter holidays M. Stolypin did not reply until the 18th of May. On that day the president of the Russian army," says that the duma Russian council declared from the tribune that he considered Finland as an integral part of the empire; that a revision of the fundamental Russo-Finland status was tion of military storehouses; second necessary; that a project of a law to funds necessary for topographical studies, that effect would be offered in a short construction of routes, etc., for strategical time and submitted to the duma. It was a clear constitutional declaration. But was not acted upon and the equivocal

situation has continued until now. Finland from the seventh to the fourteenth centuries was the stake of interminable wars between Sweden and Russians of Novgorod. From the fourteenth and fifteenth, period of the famous union of Calmar, which united Denmark, Sweden and the sixteenth century took part in the reform movement inaugurated in Sweden by Gustav Wasa.

Finland was attributed to Russia by the treaty first of 1323; Nystadt, 1721; Abo, 1743; Varala, 1790, and finally, by the treaty of Fredrikshamn, 1809. Becoming Grand Duke of Finland the czar, Alexander I, by the act of "Confirmation of Borga" recognized solemnly the privileges of the duchy. The capital was transported to Helsingfors in 1812. since when the country has enjoyed a ong period of industrial activity. Under the reigns of Alexander II and III Finnish liberties were encouraged and protected. Under Nicholas II Finland has followed a policy of pan-Slavic reaction. The national parliament and diet of Finland as actually constituted consists of one chamber of 200 members chosen by direct and proportional election, in lost his wife and sat on the steps bewail- which all who are entitled to vote have ing his miseries till he was sent to pull an equal vote. The suffrage is possessed weeds in the corporation garden. Lewis with the usual exceptions by every Finnish citizen, man or woman, who has ing sideways, and was fined \$5.94. John reached his or her twenty-fourth year. The session of the dlet is for three years unless sooner dissolved.

> The Russian duma adjourned the 11th of July'to reassemble the 28th of October. The signs of the ebb in the tide of Russian revolution, heretofore re-Adjourns. marked, are accentuated by the fact that a year of work has passed without a single serious conflict between the duma and the govern-

The examination and discussion of the budget for 1908 has been the principal occupation of the assembly. met on the 13th of November, 1907. the 10th of December duly organized, M. Kokovtrof, minister of finances, opened the debate on the subject of a deficit of 195,000,000 rubles, which was to be covered by a loan. The duma has not been subthe council of ministers; for example, the appropriation has been cut down 23,000,initiative to the credit for succor for the

It will be recalled that M. Kokovtzof himself is perhaps the first to be con- same education to their daughters. The pression: "Make for me good politics; I for Russia, for from such "little men will make for you good finance." And raised as savages" has sprung the wild this expression on the part of the minister of finance has been accepted as a

CANNED ORATORY.

From the Indianapolis News. And besides being a dignified method of From the Chicago Record-Herald.

One advantage of delivering one's speech by means of the phonograph is that there is no danger of being rattled by impolite persons who ask embarrassing questions. From the Jacksonville Times-Union. When Mr. Taft sends out canned speeches how can we be certain that they have been properly revised and an-

notated? There should be a word of approval attached to each since the instrument cannot carry the royal monogram. From the Hartford Evening Post. Candidate Taft is following Bryan's example and discussing the issues to a Perhaps by the time Secretary Loeb phonograph. If the phonograph had vot- gets back from his vacation the blessing ing power corresponding to its ability to of forgetfulness concerning that West

From the Rochester Heraid. phonograph, too. The organs will now nection with the West Point affair is proceed to swallow the nasty criticisms that he ought not to be so strengously that Mr. Harriman has gone to the wilds they made the other day when Mr. Bryan previous again. For Secretary Loeb and similarly accommodated the phonograph

cratic and the constitutional empire. indeed, this reconciliation must be effected before the raising up of Russia may be

The government of Russia, so often accused of autocracy, may now be termed definitely a constitutional hereditary monarchy. On August 6 (19), 1905, an elective state council (gosudarstvennaya duma) was created and on October 17 (30) a law was promulgated granting public liberty to the people based upon inviolability of the person, freedom of conthat no law shall come into effect with out the approval of the duma and that the The speech of the emperor is thus of elected of the people shall be guaranteed five years by the law of June 3 (16), 1907.

> The council of the empire and the duma have equal legislative powers and the same right of initiative legislation and of addressing questions to Powers.

ure before being submitted for the im-

ministers. Every meas-

perial sanction must be passed by both the duma and when elected may vote. Among the questions discussed by the recent duma were the army and navy appropriations. The debate on naval appropriations terminated June 27 by a vote Russian power over Finland, and holds of 113 against 25 to establish a credit of that Finns may have direct relations with 20,000,000 rubles to construct new battlethe Grand Duke of Finland and not ships which the duma had refused on through the intermediary of Russian June 6. The orators of the council of the empire called attention to the ukase of November 2, 1905, according to the terms of which neither the ministers of war nor marine were subject to the authority of the president of the council of ministers, but, on the contrary, were immediately subordinate to the emperor.

The Count de Witte invoked the text of the ukase and deplored the lack of regard for these restrictions which had taken the question of naval constructions into the domain of parliamentarism. The Temps, commenting upon the sin-

gular attitude of M. de Witte and M. Stolypin, says: "If M. Stolypin is entirely right in wishing to restore to Russia the fleet she lost, he is wrong in pretending to confide its reconstruction to those who were responsible for its loss and who have to their debit Port Arthur and Tsushima. The commission of the national defense on the 13th of March adopted the following conclusions:

'First. A fleet is necessary to Russia. "'Second. The ministry of marine, as it is constituted today, is incapable of creating a proper fleet.' In view of the lack of accord between

the council and the duma the minister of 798,839 rubles for naval constructions, and 7,627,843 rubles for naval artillery. The "Diplomatic and Colonial Questions," announcing "the reorganization of in its session of June 30 examined two projects of a law presented by the minis-

ter of war-first, credits for the construc

purposes. The minister of war said:

fectives is a desirable thing; but it is only possible by time and when the conditions have been improved. We should list the life that is simple and savage and free give to the army the cohering that appeals the most strongly to me. Military

Cohesion. give to the army the cohesion which it needs. We should prepare But I do love to rough it, too, once in a while.

-Chicago News. for the staff the corps of instruction that is necessary and form a solid contingent of re-enlisted non-commissioned officers. It is only when we have attained such a point that we may think of a reduction. The duma then voted 90,000,000 rubles for the first project and 48,000 rubles for

the second. Among other important questions discussed by the recent duma was the question of the Caucasus, introduced March 11, by a group of deputies of the right, who questioned the president of the council of ministers concerning the disorders in the Caucasus. Along the Turco-Russian frontier and recently Turco-Persian, there are perpetual

disorder, murder and rapine. Kurds encroach upon Persian territory in the re gions of Ourmio, and for a fact there is never peace or security on the frontiers. Russia opposes to these various elements two army corps, which were reinforced in 1905 by a division of troops from Kief. The Turkish army has also important effectives on the frontier of reservists (redif) and territorials (hamadie). But in addition to this situation there is an Armenian agitation, due in a great measure as much to Russian maladministration as to the incendiarism of revolutionaries. Gen. Galittyne the last governor general who administered the Caucasus before the re-estab lishment of the vice regency, took coercive measures against the chiefs of the Armenian Church who were accused of anti-Russian acts. In 1904 the troubles in the Caucasus resulted in the violent death of Gen. Galittyne and the abandonment of his Armenian policy, rendered impossible for his successor. There are socialism and disorder in the Caucasus, but no unity among their chiefs.

The socialist Georgian Ramish-Vill. in the tribune of the first duma, cried: "Proletarians of all countries, unite." The appeal was vain. In this Georgian's own country par-

ties were broken into refractory fragments. The revolutionary contingent of Georgians to the third duma was a counterpart of those sent to the first and the The official report of Senator Kouzminski in 1905 proved conclusively the unfitness of Russian institutions for the Georgian and Tartar populations, for the agrarian, for the judiciary and for the schools and parishes. In the matter of schools, Russia, ac

cording to a correspondent of the Debats, is little fit to teach her own youth. The correspondent writes: "If calm reigns in the streets, folly reigns in the heads of young Russians, boys and girls, who are little looked after

the duma he said, citing a familiar ex- The question has a grave political side CH. CHAILLE-LONG.

THE CADET PUZZLE

From the Newark Morning Star. Secretary Wright has made the startling discovery that there's nothing inconsistent in the contradictory statements of the President, himself and Loeb, as they are all true!

From the New Haven Evening Register. If suspense is, as it is generally un derstood to be, bad for the health, Mr. Roosevelt is a worse hazer than those un fortunate gentlemen, late of West Point From the Nashville Tennesseean. Our old friend, "the shorter and uglier

Loeb-Wright embroglio over the cadet affair From the Syracuse Post-Standard.

word," seems about due in the Roosevelt.

memorize the arguments, the voting Point mix-up will have settled upon the would be done with a higher order of in- land. From the Buffalo Commercial. The general comment regarding the re-Mr. Taft has been talking into the cent statement from the President in con-

Secretary of War Wright, the feeling of

profound sympathy is pervading.

ON TIMELY TOPICS

THE HAZERS.

Colonel Howse is a nice old mar In charge o' the West P'int boys.

To see thim all upon parade

He thoroughly enjoys.

But whin th' rule says "all kape still"

They must not make a noise.

One evenin' he see 8 young men
Put bugs in some one's hat.
"Ha. hs," says Colonel Howse, "ha. ha."
An' thin he says, "What's that?
Am I in charge of this West I'lnt,

Thim boys and me must part.
Thim 8 young men kin go straight home.
And now is whin they start.
I'll tell the Prisidint on thim. Although it breaks my beart."

So Colonel Howze sat down and wrote A note to Theodore.
"I've kicked out 8 young men," says he.
"An' my old heart is sore. I caught thim puttin' bugs on Plebes, A thing not known before."

Thin Ro'sevelt tuk his pin in hand
An' wrote to Colonel Howse:
"Ye done jist right, me gallant frind,
An' what the law allows.
I'll not be havin' West P'int boys In any sich catowse.

"Besides, th' law don't say ye may, It says that ye must fire 'em. An' they must wait two years before The gover'ment can hire 'em.

All this, although they're nice young men,

An' really I admire 'em."

Thin Gin'ral Wright come buttin' in.
Says he: "It is a shame
To fire thim noble 8 young men,
Ye should not do the same. desides, your letter is no good Unless I sign me name."

"By Garge, ye're Wright." th' Prisidint said.
"Th' boys kin all go back.
Better be Wright than Prisidint
When once ye git th' knack.
Tell Howze th' Constitution and Th' law kin go to whack." So all thim 8 young men wint back,
With smiles upon their mugs,
An' all their classmates greeted thim
With klases and with hugs.
The trouble was with Colonel Howse,
He should have fired the bugs!
—New York Sun.

REASONABLE DOUBT.

"Cadets are pardoned late tonight."
"Dismissals to be permanent."
"To stay," says Secretary Wright,"
"Denial by the President."

"Cadets to come back in the fall."
"Rumors of more to be dismissed."
"Cadets were not dismissed at all."
"West Point case takes another twist." It makes one diszy in the mind
To try to follow up the case;
Nor would one be surprised to find
That really there ain't no such place.

—New York Evening Mail.

BACK TO NATURE.

finances, by virtue of special rules, in-scribed the credits voted by the council of the empire in the budget, namely, 20,-The woods and the campure a-burning. So pack up an outsit and see it's complete; Be sure there is plenty of good things to eat. To the liquid supply please be careful to look And be sure that you find me a capable cook.

shall get along nicely. I think, in a tent If screened against flies with some netting. A cot with good springs—see down pillows are I think you would better be getting.
Then, too, you will find there's a patent device
That is handy in camps for the storing of ice.
And it's always as well when one starts on

these trips Not to leave from the baggage the cards and the "It is true that the reduction of military It's the call of the wild. Since perhaps it will

Take up the black man's burden And seek a place to climb The fence, and in a burry—

IN TEXAS.

FOR MARY ANN.

O shade of Mrs. Beeton, Her whose prolific pen Has done so much to sweeten The lives of Englishmen, Come, let it more tear:

Weep, weep with us—this very hour Cuts short a cook's career. No charms of form or feature Were hers; she did not seem At all the kind of creature To waken love's young dream; People of nice aesthetic taste. Remembering her, would sob To think there could be such a waist, A nose so like a knob.

And yet, though one could merely Consider Mary Ann As built on a severely Unornamental plan. She was possessed of points that must Have pleased a butcher's whim, For Mr. Johnson found her just The very girl for him.

Ah, with heartstrings all a flutter With thrills of brimming bliss Too deep for tongue to utter!
Will some one tell me this?
What are the female charms that make
A butcher's bosom hum,
And cause him to refuse to take
His wonted pabulum?

Swifter than any Jehu
Would be approach our door.
Bright as the brightest sea hue
The apron that he wore:
Soft as the fan of zephyr's wings
His voice, as day by day
He brought her chops and steaks and things,
And smiled her heart away.

O shade of Mrs. Beeton Lament with one who feels Almost as if he'd esten His last of earthly meals: The robber Johnson claims his bride This morn, and we're bereft;

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

No other cook, however wide, Can fill the gap she's left.

I know a man whose face is long: He never laughs or sings a song-His name is Hope.

know a man so grum and cross For happiness he's at a loss— His name is Smiles.

What year it was that Carthage fell— His name was Wise. I know a man who mops his brow His name is Snow

know a man who's always blue No matter what he tries to do-His name is Brown. I know a man who vows that he

Will never, never happy be-

I know a man who's very high, And people praise him passing by— His name is Lowe. I know a man who drags his feet
And seems too blooming tired to cat—
His name is Swift.
—Birmingham Age-Herald.

FAILURE.

The suffragette approached her goal,
Which same was Oyster Bay;
And harried was her shrinking soul
When she was shooed away.
—Philadelphia Public Ledges.

THE RECORD CAMPAIGN. Spellbinders now look pretty glum

Although they knew it had to come And it will put them on the bum Their minds are in an awful state

For, matched up with the truly great, They're punk. The voters will leave them alone,

Of funk: Their choicest flights they fear may rate

Or chaff
And jeer at them in raucous tone,
And laugh.
And then go listen to the phonOgraph.

-Indianapolis News